**Roots Project -community culture in action**

***Where:*** *TK2 (Charlemont Community Resource Centre)*

***When:*** *Saturdays. 10am-12pm on January 26, February 8, 15, 22 [Adults] and February 6 and 13 at 5.00pm* and during mid-term break on *February 17 and 18 at Midday*. [Children]

**Artist: Carmel Ennis during Roots Workshop with Charlemont Residents**
**Photo: Blue Drum 2025**

Years ago, locals from Tom Kelly Road flats (TK1) just off Dublin's Charlemont Street, bought bricks to build their community centre. Today, those same residents are active in what's called the TK2, the Charlemont Community Resource Centre. Along with new neighbors, they are experimenting to see if they can root a community development approach on their outdoor community deck, with the help of artist Carmel Ennis. It was

community leadership that got TK1 built. Today it's no different. Without new community leaders who get involved then community development will be just words with none of the collective action that sustains community.

**Roots Workshop with Charlemont Residents**
**Photo: Blue Drum 2025**

So the residents' Deck Group have done their own plan and now instead of needing money for bricks they really need gardening helping hands for two hours each week. Last Saturday a small group planted Jerusalem artichoke, cuttings from sheep's ear, sweet pea, broad bean and sweet smelling jasmine. And more!  Water soaking succulents and granny's bonnet; a twig of rosemary, thyme and bayleaf with sweet william, strawberries and houseleeks. The morning finished with planting of spiraea (a climber) cutting.  We need more help.

Starting in February  there will be workshops for children called the Young Deckers. Children from the area are invited to Join the Little Deckers for hands-on experience of culturing. Children will grow everything from tomatoes to peas and their harvest will even make it to the Wednesday club menu.

JOIN THE LITTLE DECKERS
CHILDRENS' WORKSHOP ON THE DECK WILL BE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. CHILDREN WILL GROW EVERYTHING FROM TOMATOES TO PEAS AND THEIR HARVEST WILL EVEN MAKE IT TO THE WEDNESDAY CLUB MENU.
WHEN: 6, 13 AT 5PM
MID TERM BREAK:17 AND 18 AT MIDDAY
[WITH GARDEN ARTIST:CIARA KEEGAN]
TK2
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blue drum agency

FEEL THE GROUND UNDER YOUR FEET
NEW AND OLD GARDENERS NEEDED TO CREATE CHARLEMONT'S FIRST-EVER GREEN CULTURE DECK
Sign-up for free Saturday workshops starting Jan 18
Register now at TK2 Centre or call Ed 087 2334931
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**Roots Invitation Posters**
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# LOCAL MATTERS

Rathdown County Council is delighted to launch this poetry pamphlet as part of the Council's Arts and Health Programme funded by the HSE," said Councillor Jim O'Leary, Cathaoirleach, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

"It proves that changes in our brains should not and do not limit our creativity."

Yellow Days was funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the HSE and supported by the Memory Harbour.

The project was managed by dlr Arts Office as part of the dlr Arts and Health Programme.

## DUBLIN CITY

### From bricks to blooms

Residents of the Tom Kelly Road flats (TK1) are experimenting to see if they can root a community development approach on their outdoor community deck, with the help of artist Carmel Ennis, *writes Jo Kenny*

Years ago, locals from the flats just off Dublin's Charlemont Street bought bricks to build their community centre and they remain active in the Charlemont Community Resource Centre.

The residents' Deck Group is calling for gardening helping hands for two hours on Saturdays between 10am and 12pm.

Recently, a small group planted Jerusalem artichoke, cuttings from sheep's ear, sweet pea, broad bean and sweet smelling jasmine.

To lend a helping hand, text Ed on 0872334931 or drop in to TK2 to register.

The work is funded by Dublin City Council Arts Office community arts grants.

## FINGAL NOTES

### Projects shortlisted for All Ireland Community and Council Awards

A record number of Fingal County Council initiatives have been nominated in each of the categories at the 2025 LAMA Awards, which will take place in Cork on February 22, *writes Jo Kenny.*

The 14 Fingal nominations show the continued investment being placed into local services and